Visa Collection Centre, as an extension of the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi. As the arrangement is presently working well, it was decided to continue with it for the time being.

Laying of Optic-Fibre Cable Network

3706. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Planning Commission Member, while speaking at the recent Nasscom-2001 Mega Summit, observed that there was need to get the States involved in providing right of way for telecom companies to lay optic-fibre cable network as it would ensure better bandwidth capacity; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to seek States' involvement in building up adequate bandwidth capacity through the optic-fibre network to boost up IT export growth rate in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) To encourage building up of adequate band-width capacity. State Governments are permitting liberally Right of Way to telecom operators to lay down the optic-fibre cable.

E-Governance Centres

3707. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Centre of E-Govemance in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the service provided by the centre and its location;

(c) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for setting up of such centres all over the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the financial aspects of E-Govemance centres?